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Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the proposed settlement of the United States vs. Microsoft antitrust case.

I agree and support several well-written and detailed arguments against the settlement. These include:

- o <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>
- o <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/microsoft-antitrust.html>
- o <http://www.codeweavers.com/~jwhite/tunneywine.html>

Personally, I have been a software engineer for over 20 years, working with mainframes, PCs, and Unix boxes. I've worked w/operating systems from IBM, DEC, Microsoft, SUN, and HP among others. By far the most enjoyable and enriching years have been those working w/Unix and its variants, including Linux. The openness of the Unix community, including commercial companies, is far more in the public interest than Microsoft could ever dream to be.

Microsoft is a monopoly, interested in serving the interests of Microsoft, not the interests of the public. If Microsoft was truly and sincerely concerned about the public interest, full specifications of their APIs would be published. Source code would be freely available. Cooperative efforts on products would be encouraged and would flourish. But that is not how a monopoly such as Microsoft operates, and the proposed settlement does little to change the actions of said monopoly.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

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